

Topical Heading

Research

Program Title

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

Also Known as

SBIR

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.133S; 84.305S

Administering Office

Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

Who May Apply (specifically)

Entity must qualify as a small business concern at the time of award.

Current Competitions

FY 2006 competitions:

Phase I (feasibility) competitions:

- IES contract proposal deadline: Jan. 10, 2006. Request for Proposals # errd080009 issued Nov. 4, 2005.
- Office of Special Education Services (OSERS), National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitative Research (NIDRR) grant application deadline: March 15, 2006.
- Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): to be announced

Phase II (comprehensive research and development) competitions:

- IES Phase II Fast-Track contract proposal deadline: Jan. 10, 2006. Request for Proposals # errd080009 issued Nov. 4, 2005.
- OSERS, NIDRR grant application deadline open to Phase I grantees only: March 31, 2006.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants, Contracts

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004 \$7,310,000

Fiscal Year 2005 \$8,468,967

Fiscal Year 2006 to be determined

Note: The Department is required to provide support for the SBIR program at a level of 2.5 percent of its total extramural R&D budget in any year.

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: IES: approximately 36 to 45 Phase I grants; approximately 1 Phase II Fast-Track grant

OSERS, NIDRR: to be determined for Phase I and for Phase II

OPE: approximately 1 Phase I grant

Average New Award: IES: Phase I, \$100,000; Phase II Fast-Track \$750,000

OSERS, NIDRR: Phase I, \$75,000; Phase II Fast-Track \$500,000

OPE: Phase I \$75,000

Legislative Citation

Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, P.L. 106-554 (15 *U.S.C.* 631 and 638); Title II of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended, P.L. 105-220 (29 *U.S.C.* 760–764); Title VI, Sec. 605 of the *Higher Education Act*, as amended (20 *U.S.C.* 1125); The *Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998*, P.L. 105-332 (20 *U.S.C.* 2301 *et seq.*); *Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002*, Title I-B (20 *U.S.C.* 9531–9534).

Program Regulations

FAR; *EDGAR*

Program Description

This program funds research and development projects that propose a sound approach to the investigation of an important education or assistive technology, science, or engineering question under topics identified each year in the solicitation. The purpose of the program is to: stimulate technological innovation; increase small business participation in federal research and development; foster and encourage participation by minority and disadvantaged persons in technological innovation; and increase private sector commercialization of technology derived from federal research and development.

Types of Projects

Each year, the program funds Phase I feasibility projects for approximately six months. After completion of the Phase I stage, most of these businesses can compete for Phase II awards. Phase II awards can last up to 24 months.

Education Level (by category)

K–12, Postsecondary

Subject Index

Innovation, Research, Research and Development, Small Businesses, Technology

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